

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2517

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating the  
8 Higher Education Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force;  
9 directing the Task Force to study certain issues and  
10 make recommendations; specifying certain issues;  
11 establishing membership; providing for cochairs,  
12 meetings, service, quorum, vacancies and staff  
13 support; directing state agencies to provide support  
14 and information; allowing for travel reimbursement;  
15 allowing the Task Force to seek certain assistance  
16 for certain purpose; requiring the Task Force to  
17 submit certain reports; providing for  
18 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
21 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created until May 31, 2013, the Higher  
23 Education Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force.

24 B. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on the  
development of an outcomes-based funding model for higher education  
institutions that are members of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
Education which could replace the current enrollment-based funding  
formula, shift the focus of higher education from access and growth

1 to productivity and be the most effective means of allocating  
2 limited state resources among institutions. The Task Force shall  
3 study, review and make recommendations on the following:

4 1. The current enrollment-based funding formula for higher  
5 education institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
6 Education;

7 2. Outcomes-based funding formula models adopted and used in  
8 other states;

9 3. A list of the outcomes to be included in an outcomes-based  
10 funding formula and the priorities of the outcomes;

11 4. The inclusion of unique weight factors for each outcome for  
12 each higher education institution which is based on the mission of  
13 each different type of institution; and

14 5. Any other relevant issues.

15 C. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as  
16 follows:

17 1. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
18 Education or designee;

19 2. The Secretary of Education or designee;

20 3. A member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,  
21 appointed by the chair of the State Regents;

22 4. The President of one of the comprehensive institutions  
23 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, appointed by  
24 the Governor;

1           5. The President of one of the regional institutions within The  
2 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, appointed by the  
3 Governor;

4           6. The President of one of the community college institutions  
5 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, appointed by  
6 the Governor;

7           7. Three persons who are employed as faculty members at an  
8 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,  
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

10          8. Two persons who are owners of or represent businesses  
11 located in the state, one large business and one small business,  
12 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

13          9. A representative of a statewide business organization,  
14 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

15          10. A representative of a statewide organization representing  
16 higher education institutions, appointed by the Governor;

17          11. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the  
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

19          12. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro  
20 Tempore of the Senate.

21          D. The member of the House of Representatives and the member of  
22 the Senate shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force. Appointments  
23 to the Task Force shall be made within thirty (30) days after the  
24 effective date of this act. Meetings of the Task Force shall be

1 held at the call of either cochair of the Task Force. Members shall  
2 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority  
3 of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to  
4 transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the  
5 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Task Force.  
6 A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original  
7 appointing authority. Staff support for the Task Force shall be  
8 provided by the staff of the House of Representatives, Senate and  
9 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Other state agencies  
10 shall provide support and information as requested by the Task  
11 Force.

12 E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
13 serving on the Task Force, but may receive travel reimbursement,  
14 contingent on the availability of public or private funds for this  
15 purpose.

16 F. The Task Force may seek the assistance of the Legislative  
17 Service Bureau or the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to  
18 contract with an independent consultant as necessary to fulfill the  
19 duties specified in this section contingent on the availability of  
20 funds.

21 G. The Task Force shall submit a preliminary report by December  
22 31, 2012, and a final report by May 31, 2013, to the Governor, the  
23 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives.

1       SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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